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Title: LITHOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, COMPUTER PROGRAM, DEVICE

MANUFACTURING METHOD, AND DEVICE MANUFACTURED THEREBY

September 22, 2003

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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The references were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

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